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This instruction implements AFPD 34-2, *Air Force Community Service Programs*. It outlines responsibilities and procedures for the United States Air Force (USAF) Shooting Program, establishes documentation procedures, and standardizes conduct for the USAF Shooting team members. This instruction applies to all active duty military members participating in the program. It does not apply to the Air National Guard or the Air Force Reserve. The reports in this instruction are exempt from licensing in accordance with AFI 37-124, *The Information Collections and Reports Management Program; controlling Internal, Public, and Interagency Air Force Information Collections*. A (I) indicates revisions from the previous edition.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This publication implements the realignment of Services publications from AFPD 34-1, *Morale, Welfare, Recreation, and Services*, to AFPD 34-2, *Air Force Community Service Programs*. It updates para 2 to add availability of limited quantities of weapons for developmental team members use and para 3 to reflect wording "overall shooting program". It adds the Shooting Program Logistic Manager (para 5) and updates the Shooting Program Director's duty description (para 6). Additionally, this revision amends para 4 to reflect operational manager and final approval authority on all team selection matters and makes Headquarters Air Force Services Agency, Directorate of Programs, Central Programs Division, Marketing Branch, (HQ AFSVA/SVPCM) the public affairs officer for the Shooting Program (para 10). It clarifies team selection periods (para 13.1) and specifies HQ AFSVA Directorate of Programs, Community Programs Division, Fitness, Sports and Shooting Branch (AFSVA/SVPAF) selects team members and selection notification will be announced by selection messages (para 13.2). It also adds information to para 13.3 to reflect maximum team sizes, clarifies definition of the primary team (para 13.4), defines the developmental shooting team (para 14), and specifies team member selections are made in October (para 14.1). Finally, it changes para 18 to allow use of team weapons as backup weapons.

Section A—Program Overview

1. Purpose and Background. Marksmanship is an inherent military skill which sets shooting apart from other Services activities. The Competitive Shooting Program motivates participants to improve their shooting skill in hopes of being selected for the Air Force Shooting Teams. They can ultimately, gain a position on the Olympic, Pan American, Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM), or other teams representing the United States in international competition. The Competitive Shooting Program:

- Leads to international competition and supports Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 1330.4. *Participation in Interservice, National, and International Sports Activities*, 9 Mar 87.
- Includes participation in Interservice and National sports.
- Is eligible for appropriated fund (APF) support through Olympic training funds.
- Advances marksmanship by a formal program similar to those conducted by the other services, Reserve forces and the National Guard.
- Augments Air Force recruiting efforts by conducting shooting clinics at universities, high schools, and local clubs.

2. Equipping Team Members. Individuals normally provide their own equipment, ammunition, and weapons; however, a limited quantity is maintained available for use by developmental shooting team members. The Air Force provides a reasonable amount of ammunition for training and competition, entry fees, travel and per diem, as well as funding for miscellaneous expenses.

3. Team Composition. The number of team members may vary each year depending on availability and demonstrated performance of applicants and projected funding levels. The teams are comprised of a primary and a developmental team. The overall shooting program is made up of eight distinct and separate teams that represent the following:

- National Pistol.
- American Skeet.
- International Pistol.
- International Rifle.
- High Power Rifle.
- International Skeet.
- International Trap.
- International Running Target.

Section B—What People Do

4. Shooting Program Manager. This individual works for the HQ AFSVA/SVPAF. Specific responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Managing the Air Force Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) program in accordance with AFI 34-227, *Excellence-In-Competition (EIC)*.
- Managing team matters including temporary duty (TDY) selection and instructions.

- Enforcing policies and procedures.
- Preparing host-tenant support agreements.
- Appointing the Air Force Competitive Shooting Team Director and approving team member selections and removals.
- Annually budgeting for travel, per diem, ammunition, entry fees, equipment, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- Procuring ammunition according to AFI 21-202, *Combat Ammunition Operations Policy*.
- Procuring weapons.
- Coordinating all competitive program initiatives with the 343rd Training Squadron, Weapons Maintenance and Storage Flight (343 TRS/TCAA), 1520 Service Road, Suite 1, Lackland AFB TX 78236-5722.
- Coordinating gunsmith support for training camps and competitions approved by HQ AFSVA/SVPAF.
- Keeping costs down and protecting cash, inventory and facilities.

5. Shooting Program Logistic Manager. Specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Maintains inventory of all supplies and equipment.
- Ships supplies and equipment to team members.
- Requisitions supplies and equipment.
- Maintains records of uniform issues.
- Determines replacement uniform needs.
- Reviews equipment table of allowances.

6. Shooting Program Director. Specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Advises program manager on team member and team captain selection for each of the eight shooting team disciplines.
- Recommends a public affairs officer and a recruiter assistance program coordinator.
- Submits ammunition and weapons requirements and associated budget estimates.
- Reviews after-match reports, evaluates team members, and coordinates all public affairs activities.
- Runs the recruiter assistance program.
- Recommends team uniforms.

7. Team Captains. Specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Acts as liaison for the program manager and director and individual team members.
- Monitors conduct of team members.
- Recommends removal of a member from the team or termination of any member's TDY who doesn't adhere to Air Force standards and discipline. Actual removal or termination requires approval of HQ AFSVA/SVPAF.

- Assists the program director in making team selection recommendations.
- Conducts training and selection camps.
- Predicts training requirements, competition schedules, and ammunition requirements.
- Submits after-match and cumulative cost summaries within 10 days of trip completion.
- Makes all necessary arrangements for team members including entry and registration, billeting, and other necessary support.
- Requests gunsmith support through HQ AFSVA/SVPAF.
- Assures safety and security in all firearms and ammunition handling.
- Furnishes the USAF Gunsmith Shop and HQ AFSVA/SVPAF serialized listings of weapons used by USAF Team Members. Listings, signed by the team captains, should be sent to HQ AFSVA/SVPAF and to 343 TRS/TCAW, 1520 Service Road, Suite 1, Lackland AFB TX 78236-5722. Serialized listings are required before the weapon can be repaired.
- Recovers certain high-value competition parts installed on personally owned weapons when the team member leaves the team.

8. Team Members.

- Maintain safety and security of all equipment including firearms and ammunition.
- Establish their own training schedules.
- Provide the team public affairs officer with four 5"x7", black and white, action photographs.
- Submit AF Form 1297, **Temporary Issue Receipt**, for all weapons and team equipment issued annually during February. Individuals may not modify their weapons without permission of HQ AFSVA/SVPAF and 343 TRS/TCAW.
- Must sign a statement of responsibility for weapons received endorsed by the unit commander, commander of the security police, or chief of base supply. The individual must return the statement to the Shooting Program Manager.
- Coordinate with the base munitions personnel when shipped training ammunition to establish required control of ammunition.

9. Recruiter Assistance Program Coordinator. Works closely with HQ Air Force Recruiting Service to arrange shooting clinics at universities, high schools, and local clubs during the off season. Members of the Air Force Shooting Program run the clinics. The number of clinics held depends on available funding and staff.

10. Public Affairs.

10.1. Public Affairs Officer. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF coordinates with HQ AFSVA/SVPCM to prepare articles and news releases on competition results. Refer any contact with news media to the team public affairs officer. Team members forward local articles on team results or activities to the team public affairs officer. The public affairs officer can use the 5x7", black and white, action photographs for newspaper use.

10.2. Clearance. The team public affairs officer clears all news releases and articles with HQ AFSVA/SVPCM through HQ AFSVA/SVPAF before releasing them. Coordinate requests for interviews with team members with HQ AFSVA/SVPCM through HQ AFSVA/SVPAF.

11. 343 TRS/TCAW (Lackland AFB TX).

- Stores weapons for the Competitive Shooting Program.
- Distributes competitive weapons to team members.
- Provides gunsmiths who maintain all shooting team competitive weapons and personal competitive weapons including rifles, shotguns, and handguns. This maintenance requires approval by HQ AFSVA/SVPAF.
- Accomplishes repairs on a "part-for-part" basis. Therefore, you must turn over any parts replaced by the gunsmith shop. Parts that are usable after repair are returned to bench stock. Parts that are unserviceable are turned in to Defense Property Disposal.
- Team captains annually provide updated serialized lists of the team members' personal weapons. This provides the authorization for repair on personally owned match-grade weapons.

12. 37 SUPS/LGSK (Lackland AFB TX).

- Cares for and stores the locally procured ammunition according to AFI 21-202.
- Ships ammunition, in accordance with AFI 21-202, to a team members base munitions section.

Section C—Primary and Developmental Teams

13. Primary Shooting Team Selections .

13.1. Team Selection Periods. Members are on the team for one year, 1 October to 30 September. Selections are validated or revalidated during the Team captains' workshop in October each year.

13.2. Member Selection Basis. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF selects team members based on background, shooting performance, and demonstrated potential as listed on the applicant's AF Form 303, **Request for USAF Specialized Sports Training**. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF will send team selection messages to commanders when members are selected. Commanders are requested to confirm the satisfactory bearing and behavior of new team members. Team members must also meet weight and personal appearance standards, and be available to participate in scheduled competitions. If members do not meet standards or are unavailable, alternates will be selected.

13.3. Team Size. Each shooting discipline is restricted to a maximum membership of 10 members, primary and developmental combined.

13.4. Primary Shooting Team. This group of shooting program members represents the primary traveling competitive team. It is generally limited to half the shooting discipline membership (team).

14. Developmental Shooting Team. Each shooting discipline has an in-training group known as developmental members for the Competitive Shooting Program.

14.1. Team Selection Periods. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF, assisted by the program director and team captains, will annually select new team members during the month of October. Tentative selection will be made by the team captain based on the results of training camps conducted for that purpose.

14.2. Developmental Team Members:

- Attend training camps in a permissive TDY status.
- HQ AFSVA/SVPAF may provide billeting and funds for nominal travel expenses depending on funding availability.
- Are selected based on demonstrated potential. Individuals selected to the development teams will be limited to team position vacancies.
- Are issued ammunition if approved by the program manager.
- Are issued government-procured weapons and equipment if approved by the program manager.
- May be selected for the Primary Shooting Team, be released from the Developmental Team, or choose to leave the team.
- Procure (at their own expense) all weapons and equipment necessary to fully compete in their discipline if selected for the Primary Shooting Team (except as provided in paragraph 9 below).
- Must return Air Force-issued weapons after the developmental period.

Section D—Other Information

15. Dress and Personal Appearance. Members of the Air Force Shooting Program wear the shooting uniform prescribed by the Air Force Shooting Program Director or HQ AFSVA/SVPAF and cannot deviate without prior approval by HQ AFSVA/SVPAF. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF procures Air Force Battle Dress Uniforms (BDU) through local base supply and issues them to the High Power Rifle Team and National Pistol Team. Team members wear BDUs in accordance with AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*.

16. Acceptance of Awards. Team members can accept trophies, medals, National Rifle Association Sport Certificates, and other awards. They cannot accept merchandise, valuable equipment, or cash. Air Force personnel who are off-duty and not on official or permissive TDY and who entirely pay their own expenses are exempt from this rule. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF makes the final determination concerning whether or not awards are acceptable.

17. After-Match and Cumulative Cost Summary. These are informal summaries that team captains submit. They include the names and scores of first, second, and third place finishers in each major event and the scores and relative standing of all Air Force competitors. The reports should also include recommendations and a summary of total travel, per diem, entry fees, and miscellaneous expenses. Individuals who participate in competitions must submit after-match data to the team captain.

18. Shooting Program Weapons. The Air Force makes available a limited number of Air Force-owned weapons to new team shooters with limited competitive shooting experience, who are career committed, and are members of a Development Team. Weapons can also be approved by the Shooting Program Manager to be used as backup weapons for primary team members.

19. Shooting Program Ammunition. If budget permits, a limited amount of ammunition will be provided by HQ AFSVA/SVPAF to team members on an annual basis. Team members must coordinate with

their respective base Munitions Accountable Supply Officer for use and disposition of government ammunition. Ammunition residue is not turned in due to safety requirements during competitions prohibiting the pickup of brass. Minor quantities of match brass recovered is reloaded by team members and reused. Orders on DD Form 1610, **Request and Authorization for TDY Travel of DOD Personnel**, must include the following statement:

"IAW Federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. 925, individuals are authorized to transport firearms and ammunition during the period of official TDY."

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES, ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

References

DoD Directive 1330.4, *Participation in Interservice, National, and International Sports Activities*, 9 Mar 87

AFPD 34-2, *Air Force Community Service Programs*

AFI 21-202, *Combat Ammunition Operations Policy*

AFI 34-227, *Excellence-In-Competition (EIC)*

AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*

AFI 37-124, *The Information Collections and Reports Management Program; Controlling Internal, Public, and Interagency Air Force Information Collections.*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFSVA—Air Force Services Agency

APF—appropriated funds

BDU—battle dress uniforms

CISM—International du Sport Militaire

DoD—Department of Defense

EIC—Excellence-in-Competition

HQ—headquarters

SVPAF—Directorate of Programs, Community Programs Division, Fitness, Sports, and Shooting Branch

SVPCM—Directorate of Programs, Central Programs Division, Marketing Branch

TDY—temporary duty

TRS/TCAA—Training Squadron, Weapons Maintenance and Storage Flight

USAF—United States Air Force